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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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PRODUCTION OF CIGARETTES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the domestic demand of producing cigarettes has increased from five to six per cent during the last two years;

(b) If so, whether the Government proposes to restrict the manufacturer of cigarette to limit production; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) : The production of Cigarettes during the last three years has increased as indicated below :-

Year	Production (in Million Nos.)
2003-04	49769.0
2004-05	54747.5
2005-06	75711.3

(b)&(c) : There are strict mechanisms in place for regulating and controlling domestic cigarette production, consumption and trade, in the Industries

(Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 and the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003. The manufacture of cigars and cigarettes using tobacco is also subject to compulsory industrial licensing.